

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

7. (currently amended) A process for manufacturing a medicinal and/or an active substance containing product ~~of from~~ at least two strip tapes, said process comprising the steps of:

drawing a broad web of material in its entire width from a roll of material which is mounted loosely rotatable on a take-up mandrel by ~~means of~~ a vacuum roll; ~~and~~

conveying said broad web of material by ~~means of~~ said vacuum roll to a multiple circular knife roll;

separating said broad web of material into individual strips in a negative pressure zone of said vacuum roll by rolling said multiple circular knife roll;

drawing each of said individual strips from said vacuum roll and introducing each of said individual strips into a vacuum conveyor ~~take-up~~ channel;

conveying each of said individual strips through said vacuum conveyor ~~take-up~~ channel;

turning each of said individual strips on its way to said vacuum conveyor ~~take-up~~ channel or on its way through said vacuum conveyor ~~take-up~~ channel by about 90°;

allowing said strips at an end of said vacuum conveyor ~~take-up~~ channel to lie one upon the other; and

thereafter conveying said strips for further processing,

wherein said individual strips are conveyed through said vacuum conveyor ~~take-up~~ channel and led one upon the other by ~~means of~~ a vacuum negative pressure.

8. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 7, wherein the further processing of said strips comprises the step of manufacturing from said strips a product selected from the group consisting of medicinal and/or active substance containing products, fillable containers and sealed-margin bags.

9. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 8, wherein dermal or transdermal patches are manufactured.

10. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 8, wherein administration forms for oral application are manufactured.

11. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 7, wherein a broad web of sheet-like materials is used.

12. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 11, wherein active substance containing sheet-like administration forms are used as said broad web of sheet-like materials.

13. (new) A process for providing a plurality of individually stacked strips from a single web of material, the method comprising the steps of:

providing the single web of material to a multiple circular knife roll;

cutting the single web of material by the multiple circular knife roll into a plurality of strips having a predetermined width;

rotating each of the plurality of strips from a first conveyance plane to a second conveyance plane, the second conveyance plane being substantially perpendicular to the first conveyance plane;

drawing each of the plurality of strips into an individual vacuum conveyor channel;

feeding each of the plurality of strips through the vacuum conveyor channel such that each of the plurality of strips are conveyed only by a vacuum generated within each vacuum conveyor channel; and

placing each of the plurality of strips onto one another upon exiting the vacuum conveyor channel so that the plurality of strips are stacked.

14. (new) The method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of:

cutting the stacked plurality of strips into a predetermined length.

15. (new) The method according to claim 13, wherein the multiple circular knife roll operates in conjunction with a vacuum roll to cut the single web of material into a plurality of strips.